



# Alumni Columns

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## A Great Tradition Grows

Homecoming ~ October 24-25, 2003



**Dr. Randall J. Webb, '65, '66**  
President  
Northwestern State University



Dear Alumni:

As I write this letter, we are beginning a new academic year at Northwestern. There is no doubt that this is going to be another outstanding year for the university.

The new year should be especially noteworthy for the Louisiana Scholars' College as it returns to Morrison Hall and the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences which also returns to its old home after a two year absence. Each building has undergone a complete renovation and will provide our students with an outstanding facility to learn in. Both the Scholars' College and the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences have waited anxiously to return and will take full advantage of their facilities.

We feel that enrollment will be strong this year. Our faculty and staff have worked extremely hard to attract new students to Northwestern and those students who enroll are more prepared to succeed in the classroom. New, more stringent admissions standards are set to take effect in 2005, so we have shifted our focus to students who are prepared for the academic rigors of college when they arrive.

Northwestern is proud to be the lead agency in a three-year, \$600,000 grant from the National Science Foundation under its Partnerships for Innovation Program. The grant establishes the North Louisiana Partnership for Innovation (NLPI) and will bring together 11 institutions of higher education in North Louisiana and the Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana to seek out technology opportunities from academia and business and industry. This is an exciting opportunity that could give North Louisiana a jump start and Northwestern is ready to take a leadership role in this effort.

We are also expecting another banner year in athletics. All of our student-athletes and coaches work extremely hard and represent the university well on the field and in the classroom. A well-rounded athletic program is an important part of the university. I am proud that we have developed a program that seeks to be the best it can in all sports, yet never loses sight that the most important thing is to prepare our student-athletes for life after their playing days are over.

I hope you will be able to join us at Homecoming on Oct. 24-25. The Alumni Association has planned an enjoyable two days of activities. As president, I am also honored to induct this year's members of the NSU Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line. These five individuals, Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Cosumano, Jr., executive Grover Davis, journalist Gary Fields, attorney Theodore "Ted" L. Jones and nursing educator Dr. Patricia Thompson, embody many of the values Northwestern represents and show what a special place Northwestern is.

**Dr. Chris Maggio, '85, '91**  
Director Alumni Affairs



Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends:

**Go, ye Demons, take the field...**

For years students, alumni and supporters have been singing the NSU fight song as our beloved Demons compete against our arch rivals in athletic competition. We have been blessed with such a rich athletic tradition at Northwestern. The men and women who have participated in athletics have garnered regional, national and even international attention for our university.

Oh, the stories that I have heard... Parker Wiggins scoring a touchdown in the State Fair Classic. Walter Ledet's phenomenal exploits on the playing field to distinguish himself as NSU's first All-American. The great 1953 Gulf States Champions Football team...

I can almost hear the crowd cheering in the Men's Gym as John McConathy filled up the nets. Bernard "Tussie" Waggoner dazzled the crowd, Dick Brown slashing across the court or Coach "Red" Thomas letting the referees know that they were missing a good ball game.

I was fortunate enough to witness our 400-meter relay team win the National Championship in 1981 in Baton Rouge cheering as my heart raced as fast as Mark Duper's legs were moving as he carried the baton across the finish line. I can still feel the chills of excitement as I entered the basketball arena in Dayton, Ohio to watch our NSU Demons take part in the 2001 NCAA Basketball tournament. These memories and the many, many more will never fade away.

All of this said, I still feel the proudest for our Demon athletes when I sit in Prather Coliseum each December and May and watch as they walk across the stage, shake our President's hand and receive their degree from Northwestern State University.

**...and fight for dear old Demonland.**

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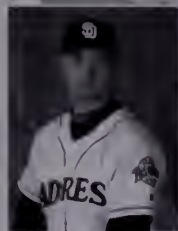
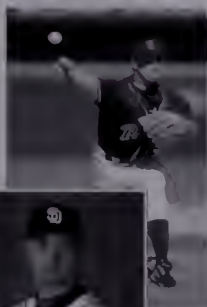
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# Demons in the Pros: A great tradition grows

Whether watching TV in Tacoma or Thibodaux, New York City or Natchitoches, Dallas or Dubach, if you're a sports fan it's easier than ever to follow fellow Northwestern alumni.

Consider this nifty two-night stretch of national television exposure:

On Monday night, Aug. 4, there were two Demon football standouts in the spotlight of ABC's Monday Night Football when the Kansas City Chiefs met the Green Bay Packers in the annual Pro Football Hall of Fame Game in Canton, Ohio. Chiefs' starting left tackle **Marcus Spears** (No. 70) drew praise from analyst John Madden for his blocking skills. Madden also dished out accolades toward young Packers' backup quarterback **Craig Nall** (No. 16), who in 2002 led NSU to a monumental win at TCU and into the Division I-AA playoffs while setting the Demons' single-season passing record.



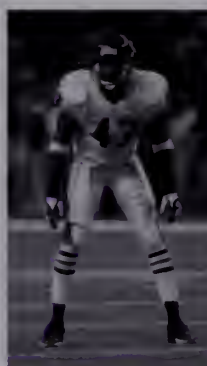
Brian Lawrence

The next night, Aug. 5, baseball fans around the nation saw Padres right-hander **Brian Lawrence** strike out slugging Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs during an impressive six-inning stint in a game televised by cable giant WGN-TV. Lawrence (No. 50), the 1998 Southland Conference Pitcher of the Year while helping the Demons win the conference championship, was San Diego's starting pitcher on Opening Day 2003 and has been their ace all this season, his second in the big leagues.

Last year, no less a baseball expert than Hall of Fame announcer Vin Scully was heaping praise on Lawrence's shoulders after he shut out the Los Angeles Dodgers. Lawrence later matched nine scoreless innings with future Hall of Fame left-hander Randy Johnson of the Arizona Diamondbacks. His best outing this year: a two-hit complete game shutout against Arizona, outdueling former Cy Young Award winner Curt Schilling.

Lawrence is the first Northwestern baseball player in a half-century to make it to the big leagues. The other Demon major leaguer was **Jim Willis**, who pitched two seasons for the Cubs in 1953-54.

Of course, the lion's share of professional athletes produced at Northwestern have been football players. There are seven former Demons currently active in the National Football League, including Spears, a nine-year veteran, and Nall, who was the 2003 All-NFL Europe QB after sparkling for the Scottish Claymores.



Mike Green

Emerging as a star is fourth-year Chicago Bears safety **Mike Green**. The two-time All-American at NSU (1998-99) was the final player chosen in the 2000 NFL Draft, but defied the odds and made the cut. Last year, Green (No. 43) led all NFL defensive backs with 129 tackles. Like Green, fifth-year pro **Kenny Wright** of the Houston Texans wears No. 43 and is a Ruston native.



Kenny Wright

Wright, who played his first three years with Minnesota, scored a touchdown last year against



Several Demon pro football players were honored at a 1987 gathering (l-r): Ross Gwinn, Petey Perot, Glenn Talbert, Larry Robinson, Gary Reasons, Charlie Tolar, Wayne Walker, Charlie Hennigan, Sammy Joe Odom, Randy Walker, Ferrell Yarbrough and James Hall.



# Devilmas in the Pros: A great tradition grows

Pittsburgh on a fumble return. The group also includes **Tony Taylor** (No. 36), a third-year running back for the Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay Bucs; **Nathan Black** (No. 83), a second-year receiver for the Carolina Panthers; and rookie cornerback and punt returner **Terrence McGee** (also No. 24) of the Buffalo Bills. Taylor won't play this year after suffering a season-ending knee injury in an exhibition game in Japan.

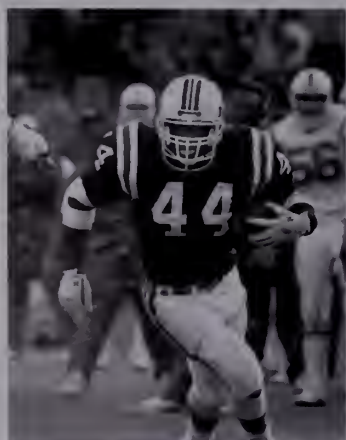
Northwestern has active pro athletes in three other sports, track and field, along with men's and women's basketball.

There could be two NSU graduates competing in track and field for Team USA in the 2004 Olympic Games, following in the footsteps of the trailblazer, four-time Demon All-American triple jumper **LaMark Carter**, who reached the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia. After an injury ended his nine-year professional career, which included six USA championships and many trips around the globe, Carter has recently joined the Northwestern coaching staff under veteran mentor Leon Johnson. Filling Carter's shoes competitively has been **Kenta Bell**, who also won four All-America awards for NSU and recently was spotlighted by Track & Field News after winning the USA Outdoor title with a 57-8 1/2 leap, two inches shy of his personal record that was an American best in 2002 and earned him a gold medal in the World University Games in Beijing, China.

In fact, NSU is the answer to a track afficiando's trivia question: which university is the only one to produce two 57-foot American triple jumpers?

Carter had a 57-8 lifetime best.

The other potential Olympian just turned pro this summer after earning his business degree and winning All-America honors for the third time in the men's javelin. **Latrell Frederick** finished second in the 2002 USA Championships with a 255-5 throw, but suffered a career-threatening elbow injury that required surgery and an intense seven-month rehabilitation. He came back to win a third straight Southland Conference crown last spring and posted what as of mid-August is still the longest throw by an American in 2003, a 261-3 toss, before a knee injury curtailed his pro campaign in mid-summer.



John Stephens

Speaking of trivia, there's the classic pro football puzzler involving Demons: which university is the only one to produce two NFL Rookies of the Year? NSU, of course, with the legendary **Joe Delaney** (Kansas City, 1981) and **John Stephens** (New England, 1988).

They are two of a star-studded list of Northwestern products who played pro football.



Jackie Smith

Headlining the Demons' NFL Alumni list is 1994 Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee **Jackie Smith**, whose 16-year NFL career was spent as a bone-jarring tight end for St. Louis and Dallas from 1963-78.

There've been All-Pro stars going back to the dynamic Demons duo of **Charlie Tolar** and **Charlie Hennigan** for the old Houston Oilers from 1960-66. Hennigan, in fact, set a pair of pro football records for receptions in a season (101) and receiving yards in a season (1,746). The first record stood until Art Monk broke it in 1984, and the yardage mark remained until 1995 when Jerry Rice and Isaac Bruce surpassed it.



Gary Reasons

More recently, Northwestern turned out pro stars like Delaney, who played in the Pro Bowl as a rookie and two years later drowned in a heroic 1983 rescue attempt; All-Pro receiver **Mark Duper**, an 11-year veteran with the Miami Dolphins; quarterback **Bobby Hebert**, best known during a 13-year pro career as the passer who helped the New Orleans Saints become a winning team; linebacker **Gary Reasons**, a starter on two New York Giants Super Bowl championship teams; nine-year veteran cornerback **Randy Hilliard**, who won a Super Bowl ring with John Elway's Denver Broncos; eight-year pro **Petey Perot**,



Petey Perot



an offensive guard for Philadelphia's 1981 Super Bowl team; and fullback **Sidney Thornton**, who won a pair of Super Bowl rings with the Pittsburgh Steelers in the late 1970s.

Reasons and Delaney have been enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame, taking a special place among the more than 60 Demons who have played at football's highest level.

In basketball, NSU has had several NBA Draft selections, notably first-rounder **John McConathy** in 1953. Later, **Billy Reynolds** and **Larry Terry** had brief stints in the NBA, and now, there are six former Demons playing for pay in "minor" leagues or overseas. Lady Demon stars **Linda Grayson** and **Pam Hudson** had lengthy European pro careers and **Joskeen Garner** played in Europe as recently as last year.

At least six former Demons are currently playing minor league baseball, hoping to join Lawrence in the big leagues. Former NSU teammate **Brandon Emanuel** is closest, pitching for the Class AAA Salt Lake City Seals, an affiliate of the World Series champion Anaheim Angels.

In men's tennis, mid-1970s NSU All-American **Ricardo Acuna** was a successful player on the world tour, reaching the singles quarterfinals on the fabled grass courts at Wimbledon in 1985 and serving on the ATP Policy Board for several years until his retirement.

Which current Northwestern competitors could expand NSU's professional athlete alumni chapter? It's impossible to say, but it's safe to predict that at least one or two competing for the Demons and Lady Demons in 2003-04 will have the chance to add to a rich Northwestern tradition.

### Listen to the Game

Ever been out of radio range and  
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frustrated that you can't hear the  
Demon football broadcast?

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in the stands at a road game,  
wondering what NSU's radio crew  
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NSU athletics benefits from each sale.  
Season tickets are just \$90 with lower rates  
for shorter periods or single games.

## Coutee Scholarship Established

Students at Northwestern State University will soon be able to benefit from a new scholarship set by Ellis and Melva Juanita Martinez Coutee of Baton Rouge. The endowed scholarship was created by a donation from the Coutees to the NSU Foundation and matching funds provided by the ExxonMobil Foundation.

"We are grateful for the continued generosity of Ellis and Melva Juanita Martinez Coutee which has had a positive impact on students at Northwestern," said NSU president Dr. Randall J. Webb. "Several years ago, the Coutees set up an endowed scholarship to assist students. Their thoughtfulness has been an example to others and will encourage others including the recipients to do something to help others in the future."

Ellis and Melva Juanita Martinez Coutee are both Northwestern alumni. Ellis Coutee, a 1960 graduate in accounting, is a native of Alexandria. While a student, Coutee was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, the Newman Club and was on the Interfraternity Council for two years. Coutee is a former senior revenue agent and life insurance specialist with the U.S. Department of the Treasury. He is in the consulting business with Coutee and Coutee Consultants.

Melva Juanita Martinez Coutee earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and business education in 1958 and a master's degree in mathematics in 1960. She was a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the Math Club at Northwestern. A native of Zwolle, she is a former systems associate with Exxon.

The scholarship is for an undergraduate student seeking a bachelor's degree in accounting, mathematics or nursing. The preference is for a student from Natchitoches, Rapides, Caddo, Bossier or Sabine Parish or the metropolitan Baton Rouge area. Recipients must maintain at least a 3.1 grade point average and earn at least 15 hours credit per semester.

"Words cannot express how much we appreciate the Coutees for helping us fulfill our goal of assisting NSU students financially," Director of Alumni Affairs Dr. Chris Maggio said. "Their generosity is an example of the many ways NSU alumni can give back to their alma mater."

For more information on the scholarship, contact the NSU Foundation at (318) 357-4414.

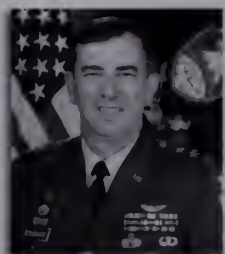




## Long Purple Line

This year's inductees into the NSU Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, inform us, protect our country or protect our health. They may also be involved in government or assisting businesses. Whatever their field, each inductee has built an impressive career.

The inductees include Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Cosumano, Jr., executive Grover Davis, journalist Gary Fields, attorney Theodore "Ted" L. Jones and nursing educator Dr. Patricia Thompson. They will be honored during Homecoming activities Oct. 24-25. Sixty (60) Northwestern alumni have been inducted in to the Long Purple Line.



Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Cosumano

Cosumano has been commanding general of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command and U.S. Army Space Command since April 2001. He earned a bachelor's and master's degree in industrial technology from Northwestern.

Early in his career, Cosumano commanded a battery in Germany and two in Korea. He has had several Washington, D.C. assignments including serving as staff officer in the Missiles Division of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research and Development, Department of the Army and as chief of the Air and Missile Defense Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Department of the Army.

"I was elated to receive this honor. It was one of the highest honors I have received," said Cosumano. "It means a lot considering I have been away from Northwestern for so many years. Northwestern was a small college when I was there and the faculty was concerned with the individual. Northwestern gave me the foundation that allows me to tackle the technical challenges I face."

Cosumano gave credit to former faculty member Raymond Christensen for helping him start his military career.

"I remember Raymond Christensen and his basic concern for students," said Cosumano. "He had served in the military and talked about his service and how valuable it was. More than anything else he was concerned with giving students the foundation they needed to continue and do their best. Serving in the military was as enriching as Mr. Christensen said it would be."



Grover Davis

Davis is chairman and chief executive officer of Crawford & Company, the world's largest independent provider of diversified services to insurance

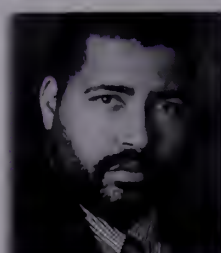
companies, self-insured corporations and governmental entities. Crawford has 10,000 employees and more than 700 offices in 65 countries.

He joined Crawford & Company as an insurance adjuster in 1976 and began moving up in the company. Davis was named president and chief operating officer in 1999.

"I was humbled and speechless to learn I was chosen," said Davis. "I wondered if I was worthy of this. My association with Northwestern is something I value."

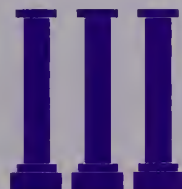
Davis began attending NSU part-time while he was stationed at England Air Force Base in Alexandria. After taking classes on the base, he commuted to Natchitoches from Alexandria each weekday.

"I tried taking classes and was blown away by the quality of the instructors," he said. "The quality of the instructors was superior. The level of attention I received gave me the incentive to travel 120 miles each day."



Gary Fields

Fields is a reporter for the *Wall Street Journal*, covering the U.S. Justice Department,



FBI, the Department of Homeland Security and other federal and local law enforcement agencies. He contributed to the stories that ran in the Journal on Sept. 12, 2001 which won the paper the Pulitzer Prize for breaking news. Fields worked for USA Today for nine years specializing in national crime issues. His coverage of church arsons helped lead to the establishment of a federal church arson task force.

In 1997, he was named Journalist of the Year by the National Association of Black Journalists and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of church arsons. Fields received a bachelor's in broadcast journalism and a master's in English literature from NSU. He also worked for the *Washington Times* and the *Shreveport Times*.

"I was stunned and surprised when I learned I was selected. I actually called to see if they had the right person," said Fields. "I work with people who went to Harvard, Columbia and other well-known universities, and I am proud of Northwestern. It gave me everything I needed to succeed."

Senate Finance Committee chaired by former Sen. Russell Long.

For 24 years, Jones was general counsel for the Louisiana Democratic Party, a member of the Louisiana Democratic State Central Committee and national committeeman from Louisiana to the Democratic National Committee. An expert in legislative and administrative law and campaign law, Jones has represented and advised candidates and office holders at all levels of government. He has also represented a number of major corporations and the State of Louisiana in Washington, D.C.

"When I came out of the Air Force, I knew what I had to do," said Jones. "It became clear to me that ideas and dreams are worthless without the education to transform them into reality. Northwestern answered my call and provided the challenge I was looking for and needed. The school echoed and re-echoed the message: knowledge is power, but you have to earn it."

"There is not a single day that I do not use some of what I was taught at NSU. My years there made me appreciate and understand responsibility for one's duty to himself, his fellowman and his community. The fact that I would even be considered for the Long Purple Line fills me with an emotion that I am unable to put into words. I am most very grateful and deeply honored, humbled and appreciative of this lifetime recognition and significant honor."



Theodore "Ted" L. Jones

Jones, a 1958 graduate of Northwestern in accounting, economics and agriculture, has been a practicing attorney for 40

years and has worked for governors John McKeithen, Edwin Edwards, U.S. Rep. Speedy O. Long and on the campaign staff of Vice President Hubert Humphrey in 1968. He also served as chief counsel for the U.S.



Dr. Patricia Thompson

Thompson is a 1970 graduate of NSU with a bachelor's in nursing. She earned a master's in pediatrics at

the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a doctorate in higher education administration at the University of North Texas.

From 1982-92 she was a member of the NSU College of Nursing faculty. She is currently an Associate Dean for Baccalaureate Education at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Of the 2.6 million nurses currently in the U.S., she is one of only 1,500 that have been inducted as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing.

Thompson is immediate past president of Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing with over 260,000 members worldwide. She has been credited with providing leadership nationally and internationally that influences practice, education, and policy. Her scholarship includes numerous presentations, publications and grants.

"I am absolutely honored, pleased and excited to receive this honor," said Thompson. "I think a lot about Northwestern and to be recognized in this way is wonderful. The education I received at Northwestern was excellent. My foundations in nursing leadership occurred there."







# Homecoming Events, Catch the Action

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## NSU Retirees Reception

All Northwestern retirees are invited to the annual reception, which will be held at the newly renovated Family and Consumer Science Building from 3–4 p.m. This will give retirees the chance to relive the good times they had at Northwestern and pass that tradition down to current students and faculty.

## Homecoming Golf Tournament

NSU alumni and friends who love to golf can participate in the annual golf scramble on the 18-hole golf course for \$50 per player. This includes a golf cart and lunch provided by Coach Gene Knecht. Lunch will be served at 12 p.m. and tee time is at 1 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling Hall Adams at the NSU Recreation Complex at (318) 357-3207.

## Homecoming Banquet

Mark your calendar to attend the annual Homecoming Banquet in the Friedman Student Union Ballroom at 7 p.m. Be sure to congratulate the recipients of the Long Purple Line, the President's Distinguished Service Award and the N-Club Inductees. There will be a social prior to the banquet held from 6:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the lobby of the Friedman Student Union.

## College of Education Reunion

Graduates of the College of Education are invited to attend a breakfast that will honor the inductees of the College's Hall of Distinguished Educators. The breakfast will be at 8 a.m. in the Teachers Education Building.

## N-Club Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Everyone is invited to attend the N-Club Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The purpose of this ceremony is to recognize those individuals who have distinguished themselves in the field of intercollegiate athletics at NSU either by virtue of their performance on athletic teams representing the university or by meritorious efforts on behalf of the athletic programs at the university. The ceremony will be at 10 a.m. in the Stroud Room.

## 1953 Football Team/1953 Swim Team Reunion Reception

The NSU Alumni Association and the NSU Athletic Association team up to host the Golden Anniversary Reunion of the 1953 football team, better known as "the greatest team that ever won G.S.C. title at NSC." The reunion will be held in conjunction with the 1953 Swim Team reunion Saturday, October 25 at 10 a.m. in the Stroud Room of the Field House.

## Entertainers Reunion Reception

The NSU Alumni Association will host a reunion for The Entertainers. Be sure to come by and reminisce about the annual performances for the Red River Revel, State Fair Games and the Natchitoches Christmas Festival. The reunion will be held Saturday, October 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Friedman Student Union Ballroom.

## Family and Consumer Science Building Open House

All alumni and friends are invited to see the newly renovated and state of the art Family and Consumer Science Building. The building will be open and tours are available.

## College of Business Alumni Brunch

All graduates of the College of Business are invited to attend a brunch that will honor inductees of the College's Hall of Distinction. This honor is reserved for alumni and faculty who have distinguished themselves through professional success, philanthropic endeavors, and/or outstanding service to their alma mater. The brunch will be at 11 a.m. in the Natchitoches Room of Russell Hall.

## Alumni Tailgating

Looking for good friends and delicious food? The Alumni Association will be serving plate lunches for \$5 per person. What a great way to catch up with old friends!

## Tri Sigma

Alumni are welcomed to join in the celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Tri Sigma. Activities will begin Friday, October 24 with a reception at the Prudhome Roquier House from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. On Saturday morning, there will be an open house of the Alpha Zeta Lodge and tailgating before the game beginning at 11:30 a.m.

## Boogie on the Bricks

Too excited to go home after the game? Join Demon fans downtown Natchitoches for live music, food and drinks! Johnny Earthquake and the Moondogs with help you dance the night away!

## Catholic Student Organization Reunion

Join current members of the CSO as they honor longtime CSO supporters Walter Ledet, Marietta Lebreton, and the late Elise James. Come celebrate with us in our reunion reception and Mass.



# Alumni

## 50+

Annie Reed ('49), Mary Jo Gautreaux O'Quin ('49) and Kathryn Doughty Breithaupt ('48) enjoyed time together at the 50+ Reunion this spring.



Betty Johnston, Richard Johnston ('50), Arnold Kilpatrick ('49) and Juanita Cardozier Kilpatrick ('49) visited during the luncheon for the 50+ graduates.



Chester O'Quin ('49) and John W. Davis ('48) swapped stories at the 50+ Reunion during the Golden Jubilee.



Ryan Robertson ('99), Richard Armstrong ('01) and Jason St. Germain ('02) enjoyed food and fun at the Baton Rouge reception held in conjunction with the Louisiana High School Coaches Association Conference.

# Coaches



Tony ('73) and Liz ('70) Carter attended the annual reception held in conjunction with the Louisiana High School Coaches Association Conference in Baton Rouge.



Joe Stephenson ('75) and his wife Gail Sweeney Stephenson ('76) visited with other Baton Rouge alumni during a reception.





Malcolm Rene' ('92), Mike Gallien ('81), Alison Bulot ('02) and Brad Miller ('98) were among the Houston alumni at the annual crawfish boil.

# Gatherings Houston



Byrne ('48) and Anne Wilson visited with other Houston alumni at the crawfish boil.



## Bonnette Golf Tournament

The Bonnette family gathered for a fun day of golf with NSU alumni and friends during the annual Buddy Bonnette Golf Tournament.



Valeria Kelly ('75), Dr. Thomas Hennigan ('51) and Mary Walker display a book donated to the book auction at the library science reunion. Proceeds of the auction went to the Dorathy Nickey Library Science Scholarship Fund.

## Library Science



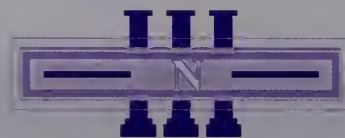
Helen Sorrell ('60) and Leola Loftin ('39) visited during the annual library science reunion.



Don Purser ('69) and Tommy McGinnis enjoyed visiting at the annual Winnfield alumni reception.

## Winnfield

## Endowed Scholarships Provide Significant Opportunities for NSU



Northwestern student athletes are representatives in the classroom as well as on a playing field or court. This is enhanced by the commitment of Northwestern alumni who generously give to back to NSU by endowing athletic scholarships.

NCAA rules and regulations stipulate a maximum number of scholarships that can be awarded in each of the 14 sports sponsored by NSU. NSU Athletic Director Greg Burke feels that enabling NSU's coaches to offer the full limit of scholarships in their respective sport helps from a competitive perspective and brings more young people to NSU.

Keeping up with the rising costs of scholarships is a challenge. Endowed scholarships help overcome this hurdle. NSU's athletic scholarship budget has risen by more than \$400,000 since Burke became NSU's athletic director in 1996. Fourteen of the 18 endowed athletic scholarships have given in the past 6 years.

"NSU is extremely grateful to those whose commitment, through a permanently endowed scholarship fund, better secures the financial foundation of its athletic program and allows NSU to continue offering scholarships at the maximum limit in every sport," said NSU Athletic Director Greg Burke. "More importantly, the educational and athletic opportunities provided to quality young people through these endowments are so significant."

Three endowed scholarships reflect a variety of reasons for giving to the NSU athletic program.

The fully endowed Dan and Lilly Chase Athletic Scholarship is a reflection of the love and dedication the former students have for each other as well as Northwestern and its athletics program. Dan Chase, a former NSU football player, is the chairman and CEO of Dan Chase Taxidermy Supply Co, Inc. The Chases live in Baton Rouge where they frequently open their home for NSU alumni events.

When Pauline Jobe was an athlete over 50 years ago, her participation in college athletics was limited. Northwestern

has since seen growth to eight women's sports. With this increase came a greater need for scholarship opportunities. Jobe took a giant step toward meeting that need when she established the Pauline Jobe Scholarship for Women, the first endowment to benefit a young woman each year. Jobe is a 1942 NSU graduate. She worked for Exxon Company for 42 years and still lives in Baton Rouge.

The Charlie Ragus Athletic Scholarship continues Ragus's life-long commitment to health and sports. Ragus was the founder of AdvoCare International, a line of leading-edge nutritional products that are used and endorsed by world-class athletes including Steve McNair, Jim Miller, Suzy Powell, Ward Burton and Kyle Petty. AdvoCare also provides life-changing programs such as DebtBuster and Leadership 2000 to help participant change their life and pulling themselves out of debt and developing leadership skills. Ragus was an NSU football player who played professionally for the Kansas City Chiefs.

Scholarships can be funded in the following ways—through an outright gift, life income gift, bequests included in wills or through life insurance. Also, scholarships can be funded over a multi-year time period. The size of each athletic scholarship fund determines the amount of annual funding which is provided towards the cost of a grant-in-aid.

"Ideally, it would be beneficial to have an endowment from which income alone each year underwrites the cost of all scholarships," Burke said. "If this were to occur, the nearly \$1 million that the athletic program currently spends for scholarships could be redirected to other avenues which would enhance the athletic program."

"A fund of this kind would guarantee NSU's ability to always offer athletics scholarship to the full limits allowed by the NCAA."

For more information on creating an endowed scholarship please contact Charlie Vienne, assistant athletic director for external relations at (318) 357-4295.



Dudley Gilbert Fulton

Memorial services for former Northwestern State Dean of Students Dudley Gilbert Fulton, Sr. were held Friday, Aug. 22 at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Natchitoches.

Fulton, 88, died Sunday, August 17. He donated his body to medical research.

Fulton was dean of students at Northwestern for 23 years and was instrumental in beginning the master's program in student personnel services. He was co-founder of the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity at NSU.

A native of Baker, Fulton grew up in Campti. He was a 1935 graduate of Louisiana State Normal College (now Northwestern). Fulton earned a master's degree at Louisiana

State University. Fulton went to work at Northwestern in 1948 as associate director of student personnel and also served as director of student personnel.

He was listed in Who's Who in American College and University Administrators. After retiring as dean of men, he taught psychology at NSU for three years. In addition, he was principal at Natchitoches Academy. Fulton was a retired lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy with service in World War II.

The university honored him by establishing the Dean Fulton Award. The award, which is not given every year, is presented to a student, staff or faculty member at Northwestern whose meaningful contributions to Northwestern are in the high traditions of selflessness and service established by Fulton.

In 2000, Fulton was inducted into the NSU Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line.

He was preceded in death by his parents, the Rev. Jessie Ben Fulton and Dora Barr

Fulton; brothers J.B. Fulton and Clyde B. Fulton; sisters Alma Kellum and Ina Holstead; first wife Ruby Chandler Fulton and second wife Mary Legendre Cloutier Fulton. Survivors include a brother, Fred C. Fulton of West Monroe; a sister, Daisy Bergeron of Shreveport; two children, Dudley (Dee) Gilbert Fulton, Jr. of Minden and Susan Fulton Odabas of Turkey; and six step-children, C. Edgar Cloutier III of New Orleans, Elise Cloutier of Annapolis, Md., Lynn Cloutier Dixon of Black Rock, Ark., Lou Cloutier Whitehead of Hattiesburg, Miss., and Amy Cloutier Hough and William Pierre (Bill) Cloutier of Natchitoches, 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Ramada Inn Coffee Club.

Donations can be made in his memory to the Dean Dudley G. Fulton Scholarship Fund at Northwestern State University.



## Northwestern sees tremendous growth in women's athletics

Thirty years ago, crowds weren't big for the limited women's athletics events at Northwestern and media attention was almost nonexistent. But through hard work and perseverance, women's athletics has become a vital part of the athletic program.

NSU's women's athletics program has grown to eight sports and provides each coach with the full allotment of scholarships allowed by the NCAA. Northwestern's commitment to women's athletics has paid off. The women's soccer program is aiming for its third trip to the NCAA Tournament in four years while the softball team won three straight conference titles. In women's basketball, the Lady Demons have won two conference titles and beaten teams such as Notre Dame, Clemson, Iowa and Texas A&M. The women's outdoor track team produced its first All-American this past season.

"We make strides in improving all of our programs each year. It is something we are committed to," said athletic director Greg Burke. "We do gender equity reports each year and we have a lot to put in them in terms of progress. Attention is paid to women's programs and we want to continue providing better opportunities."

But the women's program was far from stable and received meager support in the early 1970's.

"When we went on the road, we rode in university station wagons and had to pay for our own rooms and food," said Dr. Patricia Pierson, a former women's basketball player and head coach who is now head of NSU's Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. "We've come a long, long way since then."

Pierson was the first woman in Louisiana to receive an athletic scholarship. In 1974, Northwestern funded half scholarships for women's basketball and volleyball players. She credited former president Dr. Arnold Kilpatrick and vice president for business affairs Loneta Graves for helping the program advance.

"They had a lot of vision," said Pierson. "Offering athletic scholarships to women wasn't popular. Northwestern was pioneering in this area."

Northwestern added tennis in 1978, softball in 1979, indoor and outdoor track and cross country in 1986 and soccer in 1996. And in that time, the university has increased coaching staffs and improved facilities. The softball field got lights in 1999 and a project has



begun to raise money to put lights on the soccer field by next season.

"Our goal is to be the best in the conference," said senior women's administrator Julie Lessiter, a former member of NSU's women's track, cross country and tennis teams. "We put a great deal of care into providing as much as we can for the women's programs, which includes promoting the programs."

One object of pride for the women's programs is their strong performance in the classroom. Last fall, each women's team had an average grade point average of at least 3.05.

"That kind of performance is phenomenal," said Lessiter, who is also the Athletic Department's academic advisor. "The female athletes have a clearer perspective and work to earn a degree."

## Students provide a link between athletes and administration

Student-athletes have an easy way to answer questions or concerns that may develop while they are playing at Northwestern. The university has developed a Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) to serve as an liaison between student-athletics and the athletic administration.

The council includes two members from each athletic team at NSU and meets monthly during the fall and spring semesters.

"It is beneficial for us to have a place to bring our concerns," said Cathy Herring, a council member who is on the Northwestern volleyball team. "If anyone has a problem, they can bring it to us and (senior women's administrator) Julie (Lessiter) or (athletic director) Mr. (Greg) Burke will try to take care of it."

According to Lessiter, the advisory council is a quick way to get information to student-athletes who have varying practice and game schedules.

"We keep them up to date on new NCAA legislation, the university's gender equity plan, NCAA certification and our minority plan," she said. "We also use it as our vehicle to perform community service. The members of the council can also go back to their team and tell them what is going on within the department."

The council has also helped student-athletes look beyond their own sports.

"We all have a better understanding of what goes on in other sports and why certain things happen," said council member Camila Prado, a sophomore from Cali, Columbia, who is on the women's tennis team. "We understand the priorities and see how the department works."

Student-athletes may sometimes hear misleading information about another sport and the council gives them an easy way to get accurate information and relay it to their teammates.

"The council was able to find out what was happening at the track along with other issues," said Herring, a senior from Hammond, Ind. "We also learned about fund raising and where the money goes."

Prado says the council helped the tennis team address a problem that the administration was not aware of.

"We had problems with the lights and the wind screen at the tennis complex, but we didn't know where to go to solve the problem," said Prado. "It was brought up at a meeting and was taken care of."

Lessiter said the SAAC helps Northwestern have a better athletic program.

"We want their opinion and for the voice of the student-athlete to be heard," said Lessiter, a Northwestern alumnus who was a member of the women's track and tennis team. "It's an important line of communication for us."



**1930**

Odessa Margarite Gremillion Ducote is retired and lives in Baton Rouge.

**1941**

Melba I. Pennington Bray is a retired teacher and lives in Many.

Melva Ash Mayson Maxey retired from the Calcasieu Parish School Board and lives in Lake Charles.

**1946**

Mary L. Williams Gaudet is a retired teacher and lives in El Paso, Texas.

**1949**

Ms. Margie Jules is a retired teacher and lives Fair Haven, Mich.

**1950**

Betsy Nina Smith Morris is a free-lance writer and lives in Green Bay, Wis.

**1951**

Walter E. Butler Jr. is a retired U.S. Army Major, married and lives in San Antonio.

**1952**

James Kenneth Howard is a retired school teacher and osteo researcher. He is married and lives in Shreveport.

**1954**

Harvey Gerald Cook retired from U.S. Steel in Baytown, Texas. He is married to Mary Ann Cook ('57) and lives in Brenham, Texas.

**1955**

Ida Anne Torrains is a retired professor and lives in Shreveport.

**1958**

Carl O. Speed is a retired school administrator and owner of Speed Insurance. He is married and lives in Hammond.

**1959**

Patricia (Patsy) Sue Johnson Salard is a staff nurse for the East Baton Rouge Council on Aging. She is married and lives in Jackson.

**1963**

Warren Taylor Price Jr. is employed by the Department of Health and Hospitals as the assistant secretary in the Office of Mental Health. He is married to Frances Storey Price ('63) and lives in Ethel.

Kent M. Willoughby is a ski instructor at Vail Resorts and lives in Silverthorne, Colo.

**1964**

Jesse W. Crooks is the executive director of Jesse Crooks Ministries, married and lives in Thomasville, N.C.

Robbie Sue McNaughton Williams-Soileau is a consultant dietitian and nutritionist. She is married and lives in Lake Charles.

Sharon Corbell Bodkin is retired, married and lives in Nordland, Wash.

**1965**

Ron L. Jenkins is employed at Callon Petroleum as a geologist. He is married to S. Kay Brewer Jenkins ('65) and lives in Natchez, Miss.

Heinz Faber is the principal engineer at Bell Helicopter Textron and lives in Colleyville, Texas

**1966**

Eva Nell Hampton Clark retired from the Caddo Parish School Board as an elementary supervisor and lives in Shreveport.

Henry Hugh Joyner is retired, married and lives in Beaumont, Texas.

**1969**

Kim Gardiner is a quality assurance manager at LSU and lives in Baton Rouge.

Kathy McCown Lester is currently director of special education in the Dallas Independent School District.

Ralph Edward Stapleton is director of logistics for the Louisiana National Guard in Pineville. He is married to Donna Merchant Stapleton ('70) and lives in Oakdale.

**1970**

Gary Woods is the biomedical account manager for Patriot Medical, The Physicians Centre. He is married and lives in Bryan, Texas.

Susan M. Guimbellot Sturdivant is a teacher at Winnfield Primary School, married and lives in Winnfield.

**1971**

Peggy Dawn Giddens Ivins is a teacher at Vivian Middle Magnet and lives in Vivian.

**1972**

Cynthia A. DeCoux Stone is a learning support specialist at the American School in Japan, Tokyo, Japan. She is married and lives in Glen Allen, Va.

Gerald W. Fontenot is a self-employed oil field consultant and lives in Eunice.

**1974**

(DeDe) Louise Desiree Hudson Anderson is employed the U.S. Air Force as a confidential assistant to the secretary of the air force. She is married and lives in Arlington, Va.

Ronald Perry is the step-up operator for ExxonMobil Refining and Supply Company and the minister of music at his church. He lives in Baton Rouge.

Ronald (Ron) Dale Carson is a charge nurse at Lifecare Hospital in Shreveport and lives in Bossier City.

**1975**

Bill Hochstetler is a financial advisor for Edward Jones Investment and lives in Thibodaux.

**1978**

Charlie Grau retired from the Navy after 25 years of service. He is a logistics program manager for the First Naval Construction Division in Norfolk, Va., married and lives in Virginia Beach, Va.

**1979**

Denise Duvall is a contracting officer for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Division and lives in San Diego, Calif.

**1980**

Adrienne Lea Broadwater is employed at Nortel Networks in Technical Training for IMS/CSE MX and lives in Richardson, Texas.

Walter Murrell Walker Jr. is a senior Army Instructor (JROTC) at Grant High School, married and lives in Colfax.

**1981**

Leigh Wood Jonson is the vice-principal at Franklin Academy, married and lives in Winnsboro.

Rev. Ruby Margurite Harper Burns is the volunteer director of pastoral care at Laurel Pregnancy Center, married and lives in Burtonsville, Md.

**1982**

Matthew Laccheo is a senior auditor for Defense Contract Audit Agency and lives in Newport News, Va.

Carlos Zamora is retired the United States Air Force and the Postal Service. He is married and lives in Haughton.





Karen Steinmetz Myers is the supervisor of managed care services at Cambridge Integrated Services, married and lives in Garland, Texas.

**1983**

Rob Medlin is a regional sales manager for National Panel Systems, married and lives in Corinth, Texas.

**1985**

Sydney Forrester is a financial analyst for International Paper and lives in Moscow, Tenn.

Tracy Elizabeth Bedell is a professor at Johnson County Community College and lives in Lawrence, Kan.

**1987**

Durelle Black Fullenkamp is a retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col., married and lives in Dayton, Ohio.

**1988**

Daphne Cassandra Douglas Bernestine is a manager at Arrow Metal Stamping Co. Inc., married and lives in Compton, Calif.

Anthony Wann is an acquisition officer at the Pentagon, married and lives in Burke, Va.

Bertha Maxie is a commissioned officer in the United States Army and lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Jonnette (Ruthie) Eitel Book is a domestic engineer. She is married to Dr. Gregory W. Book ('91) and lives in Phoenix, Ariz.

**1989**

Brenda Reed Nelson is an element chief with the medical surgical unit at Eglin Air Force Base, married and lives in Mary Ester, Fla.

**1991**

Farnetta Faye Green-Sowell is clinic manager at The National Center for Addictive Disorders and lives in Natchitoches.

Eben Gallent Cook is employed at Rapides Regional Hospital as a nurse anesthetist. He is married to Angela Lacour Cook ('95) and lives in Alexandria.

Crell Anthony Sikorsky, MED, CSCS is an exercise physiologist employed with the J.C.C., N.O.L.T.C. and M.P.C.D.H.S. in New Orleans. He is also certified through USATF as an official and lives in Kenner.

## Emma Ellerman Boozman '76 & '79



NSU alumnus Emma Ellerman Boozman continues a tradition of creating fine basketball players by taking what she learned on Northwestern's basketball court and using it at Natchitoches Central High School.

Boozman traveled all over Natchitoches Parish before landing where she is today. After graduating from NSU in '76 with a bachelor's in health and physical education, Boozman taught and coached at Fairview Alpha High School while completing her master's in physical education. A school consolidation took her to Campti High School in 1981.

At Campti, now known as Lakeview High School, her team won back-to-back state championships. In 1987, Boozman moved on to NCHS where she now teaches physical education and coaches girls' basketball.

Boozman was part of a new beginning at Northwestern in women's athletics where she played basketball and volleyball.

"I have wonderful memories of NSU," Boozman said. "I was one of the first women to receive a scholarship to play at Northwestern. Title IX was just starting. We were instrumental in where the program was going. Back then, NSU was one of only two schools to have women's basketball in the state. We were on the ground floor as far as getting the program going and beginning our careers."

Boozman, a member of the Graduate 'N' club, is proud that she studied at Northwestern and feels that being a student at NSU gave her an edge when she began her career.

"NSU had the best health and physical education department in the state and in the area," she said. "I had a great education that prepared me to become a teacher and coach."

### Join the Graduate "N" Club

The Northwestern State University Graduate "N" Club is comprised of former Northwestern athletes who support the university, its athletes and athletic programs. If you are a lettered athlete and would like to become a member of the Graduate "N" Club, please contact Gil Gilson at (318) 677-3141 or via e-mail at [gilson@nsula.edu](mailto:gilson@nsula.edu).



Walter Brett Harris is a senior software engineer at GHG Corporation. He is married and lives in Seabrook, Texas.

Dr. Gregory Ward Book is a senior engineer and project manager at Intel Corporation. He is married to Ruthie Book ('88) and lives in Phoenix, Ariz.

#### 1992

Carletta Danene Anthony Jones is a fourth grade teacher at Provencal Elementary School. She is married and lives in Natchitoches.

Yalaunda Yvette Toliver Taylor is an elementary school teacher and lives in Memphis, Tenn.

Patricia Lord Terry is a registered nurse at the University Medical Center. She is married and lives in Las Vegas, Nev.

Michael Rowley is a computer operations specialist at the University of Texas at Austin. He is the webmaster, sings in the choir and serves on the finance and witness committees at Grace United Methodist Church. He lives in Austin, Texas

#### 1993

Jeff L. Powell is employed by Texas Parks and Wildlife as a state game warden in Ellis County and lives in Waxahachie, Texas

Dana Darlene Norsworthy Permenter is employed by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries as a wildlife educator. She is married and lives in Columbia.

#### 1994

Laurie Ann Coco Moreau is a controller at American Gateway Bank, married and lives in Port Allen.

Stacy Taff Omo is an IT security specialist at the United States Air Force Academy. She is married to Alan W. Omo ('94) and lives in Monument, Colo.

#### 1995

Terri Lynne Smart Duhon is a fourth grade teacher at Bryan Independent School District. She is married and lives in Bryan, Texas.

Sean Huggins is a captain in the United States Army and stationed at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas.

Steven DeWayne Miller is the head track and assistant football coach at Olive Branch High School. He is married and lives in Olive Branch, Miss.

## Brian Brown '90



Brian Brown, 1990 NSU graduate, has taken life skills learned at Northwestern and uses them as the assistant men's cross country/track and field coach at Drake University.

"I can honestly say that all of my memories of being a student at NSU are great," Brown said. "I marvel at the way our coaches were able to create the perfect environment for all of us to succeed. Coaches Leon Johnson, Steve Thomas, Chris Maggio, Dean Johnson and others were wonderful to work with."

"They were so knowledgeable and gifted in their abilities but, at the same time, compassionate and caring. They were more concerned with my development and growth as an individual more so than as an athlete. To this day, as I continue to coach young men and women, I still try to utilize many of the skills, philosophies and approaches that Leon exemplified."

Brown won the 1989 U.S. Outdoor Championships and the 1990 NCAA Indoor Championships while competing as a Demon. After completing a degree in industrial technology he began to pursue a career in athletics and competed internationally as a high jumper.

When an injury left Brown temporarily unable to compete he began working as a graduate assistant coach and completed his Master's of Public Administration at the University of Missouri.

In 1996, Brown once again began competing. He won the Milrose Games in 1997, was second at the 1998 U.S. Indoor Championships and third at the 1998 U.S. Outdoor Championships.

In 1998 Brown and his family made the move to Drake University where he and his wife, Silver Olympic Medalist Natasha Kaiser Brown, are both coaching. He is currently working on his doctorate.

"Personally and career-wise, NSU will always be a part of who I am," Brown said. "I'll never forget the moments I shared as a student and as an athlete. I am proud to be an alumnus and will try to be an ambassador of our great university and the fantastic 'City of Lights.'"



**1996**

Jennifer Bumm Alleman is a family nurse practitioner at the Allergy and Asthma Clinic of Southern New Mexico. She is married and lives in Las Cruces, N.M.

Joseph Max Barnett is a urology specialist for Merck Pharmaceuticals and captain and commander for the Army Reserves. He is currently on active duty in the Middle East, where he is commander of B-Co 489<sup>th</sup> EN BN U.S. Army Reserves. He is married to Courtney Melaina Schexnayder Barnett ('97) and lives in Cabot, Ark.

James E. "Eddie" Foust is a project manager for Highland Homes Holdings. He is married to Andrea Gibson Foust ('95) and lives in Little Elm, Texas.

Carrie Ann Clark Hitt is director of bands at Cathedral Carmel Catholic School, married and lives in Lafayette.

**1997**

Katherine Carderara Bennett is a technology teacher at Alexandria Middle Magnet School, married and lives in Pineville.

Merrick Elizabeth Weston Morrow is a seventh grade teacher for the DeSoto County School District. She is married and lives in Monroe.

**1998**

Jeremy Talton will be starting law school in the fall at Southern Methodist University and lives in Dallas.

Melodi Crowson is an office coordinator-commissioner for the Louisiana Department of Insurance and lives in Baton Rouge.

Tammy Joan ("TJ") Marsh is an athletic trainer for Jamestown Regional Medical Center and lives in Cookeville, Tenn.

Len Bryan is a teacher and coach at Keller Middle School. He is married and lives in Keller, Texas.

Dwanna Fobbs Sowell is an accountant at AIM Investments and lives in Houston.

Donald Hardin is a band director for the Kilgore Independent School District, member of the East Texas Symphonic Band and the Texas Bandmasters Association. He lives in Longview, Texas.

Sherry Verdel Browning was recently inducted into Chi Sigma Iota, the Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society International, Omega Mu Chapter. She is married and lives in Virginia.

**1999**

Clint R. Magana is employed with the US Army as an OR nurse and is presently on active duty with the 21<sup>st</sup> combat support hospital. He is married to Danielle Magana ('00) and lives in San Antonio.

Clay Scott Bowlin is an insurance producer for Farm Bureau in Desoto Parish. He is married to Aimee Mayeux Bowlin ('98) and lives in Keithville.

Patrick Brown is an assistant supply officer for the U.S. Navy. He is stationed in Japan on the USS John S. McCain.

Rebecca Lloyd is a research scientist at Battelle Memorial Institute and lives in Springfield, Va.

Jenny L. Criswell Musumeche is a registered nurse for Advantage Nursing Services. She is married and lives in Youngsville.

Dominic Koon is a logistics manager for Nokia, married and lives in Corinth, Texas.

**2000**

Chad Everett Franklin is a manager for FedEx. He is married to Kelly Cobb Franklin ('99) and lives in Alexandria.

Daphne Roxann Nolen is a teacher at East Beauregard High School and lives in Pitkin.

Angela Rene Self Hayes is a fourth grade teacher at Winnfield Intermediate School. She is married and lives in Winnfield.

**2001**

Jill Morgan works in sales at Lord and Taylor in Houston and lives in Houston.

Timothy Wiley is employed by TrafficLeader Inc. as an agency specialist. He is married and lives in Eugene, Ore.

Allyson Renee Murrell is a kindergarten teacher at Estherwood Elementary in Acadia Parish and lives in Crowley.

Kacey Angel Roberts is a radiologic technologist at Lane Memorial Hospital in Zachary, and lives in St. Francisville.

Alicia Suzanne Craig is graduate assistant for NSU Alumni Association and lives in Natchitoches.

Mary Francis Gates Guin is a social worker at Southeast Louisiana Hospital. She is married to Jerrod Cane Guin ('02) and lives in Baton Rouge.

Angela M. Scott recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Ill.

Gina Prince is employed by New Iberia Recreation Department as a recreation specialist and lives in New Iberia.

**2002**

Clint P. Sanford is an educator for the Beauregard Parish School Board. He is married to Kathryn Sanford ('02) and lives in Sulphur.

LaTessa D. Allen is a program specialist and social worker for the Volunteers of America, and lives in Alexandria.

Chen Xiao is currently attending graduate school at the University of Augsburg and lives in Augsburg, Germany.

Jerrod Cane Guin is an industrial engineer intern for Walmart Stores, Inc. He is married to Mary Frances Guin ('01) and lives in Baton Rouge.

Jennifer Rachelle Field Mabou is an agency executive assistant for State Farm Insurance Companies. She is married to Courtney B. Mabou ('02) and lives in Sulphur.

**2003**

James Clements is a programmer analyst for Tyco Plastics and Adhesives and lives in Monroe.



## In Memory

- Marilyn Anne Richard Hillman,  
Shreveport, August 11, 2003
- Royce O. Willis, Maryville, Tenn.,  
November 14, 2002
- Rena Norsworthy Buckley,  
Natchitoches, June 8, 2003
- '35 Dudley Gilbert Fulton,  
Natchitoches, August, 2003
- '35 Gwendolyn Lavender Trosclair,  
Sulphur, May 14, 2003
- '66 Charles Chester Clark, Shreveport,  
February 2, 2003

# LOOKING BACK



Northwestern's first Gulf States Conference crown, an offer to the Shrimp Bowl and a Coach of the Year all defined the legendary 1953 Demon football team. The team of outstanding athletes set a precedent for future Demons and hailed bragging rights for their accomplishments.

The 1953 team placed three players on the All-GSC team; Don Millen, John Ables and Bob Tatum. It was no surprise when Coach Harry "Rags" Turpin was honored as Coach of the Year in the GSC as he gave much of the credit to his assistants Walter Ledet, Charles Thomas and Alvin Brown.

One former player remembers the close-knit team with fond memories.

"That was a special group," said Dr. Dan Carr. "We came together and had a lot of good games. One of my memories with the team was the dorm life. Our dorm mother, Mrs. Webber, made it like a home rather than a dorm. That seemed to bring us closer together."

For their golden anniversary the "greatest team that ever won the GSC title at NSC" will reunite during NSU's Homecoming activities to share memories and swap stories of the great athletes of their time. For more information contact the NSU Alumni Association at (888) 799-6486 or (318) 357-4414.



## Guess Who?

Can you guess the names of these two 1953 football captains? If so, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (318) 357-4414 or (888) 799-6486. The first five people to call with the correct answers will win a prize!



# Alumni Information Update

Please fill this page out as completely as possible. We are constantly revising our records and your information updates are vital to making the system work. The information from this form is also used for entries in the "Class Notes" section. Please make a copy of this page and give it to any NSU graduate who may not be on our list. We can't keep in touch with you if we can't find you! Thank you.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (Miss, Mrs. Mr.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Circle Last First Middle Maiden

Current address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

NSU undergraduate degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

NSU graduate degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

During which years did you attend NSU? \_\_\_\_\_

Which organizations were you involved in while a student at NSU? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Place of employment \_\_\_\_\_

Job title: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your spouse an NSU graduate? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, what degree(s) did he / she earn?

Spouse's undergraduate degree (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's graduate degree (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children who are potential Northwestern students? Please tell us their names, contact information, and what high school they attend.

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Please return to: Alumni Center • Northwestern State University • Natchitoches, LA 71497

If you would like information from Admissions, Financial Aid or the NSU Athletic Association, you can contact them at the following address:

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State University  
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Natchitoches, LA 71497  
(318) 357-4503  
800-426-3754 (Louisiana)  
800-327-1903 (out of state)

Director of Financial Aid  
Northwestern  
State University  
Room 109, Roy Hall  
Natchitoches, LA 71497  
(318) 357-5961

Athletic Director  
Northwestern  
State University  
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# Lady Demons v. Duke Blue Devils Demons v. Troy State

At the CenturyTel Center in Bossier City



1:00 p.m.



3:00 p.m.

**Saturday  
December 20**

Watch NSU's La'Terrica Dobin, Diamond Cosby and Katherine Grieder play their friend, Alana Beard, Duke's consensus All-American, in their hometown. Stay and watch Mike McConathy's men's team finish off the double header against Troy State, a 2003 NCAA Final Four Tournament team.

Prices range from \$5-15 and are available at the CenturyTel Center and from [www.nsudemons.com](http://www.nsudemons.com) or the NSU Athletic Ticket Office (318) 357-4268.

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